

URGENT FOR BALDWIN AND MOBILE COUNTIES...FROM THE FCC

Disaster data collection has been activated for Hurricane Isaac. The Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) is available to receive information on the status of communications equipment in the disaster area.

The area of interest for this activation includes the following counties:

Alabama: Baldwin, Mobile

Florida: Escambia, Santa Rosa

Louisiana: Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint Helena, Saint James, St John the Baptist, Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Saint Mary, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana

Mississippi: Adams, Amite, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Pearl River, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

If you have communications equipment in these counties, **the FCC requests that you provide daily reports on the status of your equipment by using DIRS.** There is no need to report on stations, equipment, switches or PSAPs that are fully operational.

The FCC will monitor the storm's progress closely and may extend DIRS activation to additional counties as needed in the coming days.

Time Schedule: We request that you provide the **first set of initial reports by 11:00 am (Eastern Time) August 29. Subsequent reports should be made by 11:00 am (Eastern Time) every day while DIRS is activated.** If you have any information early on, we would appreciate if you would provide that information.

Accessing DIRS: The URL for DIRS is <https://www.fcc.gov/nors/disaster/>.

Login: If you have a User ID, please use your User ID (it is usually the characters before the @ sign on your e-mail address – it is case-sensitive). If you do not have a login, there is a link on the login page which will allow you to get a User ID and password. If you do not remember your password, please use the forgotten password link on the login page.

After you log on, please fill in the reports for the types of equipment that you have in your network in the area of interest that have been affected by the storm.

There is a User Manual available at the DIRS website.

Please feel free to contact any of the following if you have any questions:

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